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Granderson Named Interim Director of Facilities and Transportation Division

LITTLE ROCK — The Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation today selected Terry Granderson as the interim director of the Arkansas Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation. He replaces Dr. Charles Stein, who retired June 19. Granderson will begin his new role immediately.

Granderson currently serves as assistant director for the division, which ensures Arkansas public schools provide adequate and safe facilities and transportation for students.

“Mr. Granderson has worked for the division since it began in 2005,” Arkansas Department of Education Commissioner Johnny Key said. “He has extensive knowledge of the division’s services and served on the legislative task force that established the division. He is an excellent choice for this role.”

The division inspects school buildings and buses, reviews building plans, provides bus driver training, and conducts license checks for bus drivers. The division also oversees the Partnership Project Program, which has provided \$1 billion in state funding in seven years as part of a \$2.5 billion construction program for school districts.

The commission, which provides policy guidance for the division, is comprised of Johnny Key, the Arkansas Department of Education commissioner, Larry Walther, director of the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, and Aaron Burkes, president of the Arkansas Development Finance Authority.

Granderson first served as a senior project administrator for the division from 2005 to 2010, when he was named assistant director. Prior to joining the division, Granderson was vice president of Central Heating and Air Conditioning Inc. from 1970 to 1984, serving as president and owner from 1984 to 1993. From 1993 to 2005 he was the director of the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Licensing Program at the Arkansas Department of Health.

Granderson received a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. His experience includes serving as a Master Code Professional and Certified Building Official, as well as a member of the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators, Arkansas School Plant Management Association (also serving as an advisor), and American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers.

He was appointed to the Arkansas Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Board in 2008 and served on the International Mechanical Code Committee in 2006 and 2007.

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